UNITED STATES PENSION LAWS.

A Comprehensive Digest of Pension Legislation From the Foundation of the Government.

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WIDOWS AND CHILDREN. The provision which the act of June 27, 1890, as amended by the act of May 9, who served 90 days or more and were honorably discharged, is as follows:

Sec. 3. That if any officer or enlisted who was honorably discharged, has died, or shall hereafter dic, leaving a widow without means of support other than her daily labor, and an actual net income not exceeding \$250 per year, or minor children under the age of sixteen years, such widow for each child of such officer or enlisted less within the meaning of the statute. man under sixteen years of age; and in case of the death or remarriage of the widow, leaving a child or children of such and such pensions shall commence from date of filing application. the date of application therefor after the passage of this act: And provided fur-ther, That said widow shall have married said soldier prior to the passage of the vision of the act of June 27, 1890, as said act of June 27, 1890.

qualified, but if it exceeds that sum her disqualification is made absolute by the date of filing such claim." (12 P. D., 266, A decision rendered May 29, 1897; ther general income-producing resources at date of filing such claim." (12 P. D., 266, April 3, 1902.)

"You will cause all applications for pension under this section heretofore rejected, means of support other than her daily years. Neither can a claimant in posses-labor and an actual net income not exceed, ing \$250 per year. When this additional lying idle in a bank and then allege she into fination is received it will be considered, and if it satisfactorily meets the ered, and if it satisfactorily meets the requirements of section 3 as amended a reasonable results from income-producing of the service of the service pension concluded the necessity of endistance in the manner in which received into and released from the service pension concluded the ser pension will be allowed accordingly." All that has been heretofore said under

of marriage, and as to prior marriage, actual net income is forfeiture of pension by widow, and legitimacy of children, is equally applicable 448, June 10, 1903.)

MARRIAGE OF COLORED AND INDIAN SOLDIERS do not extend to claims under said act.

PRESUMPTION OF DEATH. The act of March 13, 1896, provides: the pension laws, the death of an enlisted ficiently proved if satisfactory evidence is produced establishing the fact of the continued and unexplained absence of such enlisted man or officer from his home and family for a period of seven years, during which period no intelligence of his exing which period no intelligence o man or officer shall be considered as suf-

It is held that "it is not the mere fact of absence out of which death is to be whether the time be long or

In a case where a soldier declared his intention to commit suicide, and was not create a presumption of death on date of istration of the law. disappearance, and widow was given pen-

A decision rendered November 25, 1902 is not directly in evidence, but it is to be (13 P. D., No. 14), holds that even if there is explanation for the failure of a soldier's wife to hear from him, as in case soldier's wife to hear from him, a of separation before his disappearance, yet if other members of his family, as brothers and sisters, who would naturally have heard from him if alive, have failed to hear from him during the statutory period, he shall be presumed dead, in accordance with the act of March 13, 1896.

DEATH IN SERVICE.

decision rendered August 6, 1892 (6 P. D., 27), and other decisions, hold that death in the service is not equivalent to an honorable discharge within the meaning of the act of June 27, 1890. Thus, if a soldier or sailor died in the service during the war of the rebellion under circumstances that would not be recorded as a reasonable effort to add to the income of which she is possessed, or the property of which she is possessed, reduced to an extense that would not be recorded as a reasonable and the property of which she is possessed. stances that would not be regarded as pensionable line of duty under the general pension law, it may happen that his widow pendent within the terms of the act of or other heirs have no pension title under June 27, 1890." (9 P. D., 76.) or other heirs have no pension title under

A decision rendered March 1, 1894. "When soldier has served a term of 90 days or more in the military or naval servwar of the rebellion, and has been honorably discharged therefrom, feenlists, and dies during his subsequent term of service, his death not being the result of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation of the military or naval service, the requirements of the act of June 27, 1890, as to length of service and honorable discharge are fulfilled, and his widow is entitled to pension on compliance with the other con-

said widow shall have married said soldier prior to the passage of this act," makes

ditions of the act." (7 P. D., 197.)

it necessary that the widow, to be entitled under the act, must have been married to the soldier or sailor, either according to statute or according to common law form, A widow who was first married to a soldier prior to June 27, 1890, and then

divorced from him, and afterward remar- 19, 1886, increasing the rates of pension

the widow is not entitled to pension under the general law.

under the act commences only from date of filing of application under the act in the holds: man who served ninety days or more in Pension Bureau, and she may not be penman who served ninety days or more in the Army or Navy of the United States during the late war of the Rebellion, and who was benerved by discharged by disc she would be entitled.

PERMANENTLY HELPLESS CHILDREN. To be entitled under the "permanently officer or enlisted man under the age of helpless" provision of the act of 1890, sixteen years, such pension shall be paid namely, "that in case a minor child is insuch child or children until the age of six-teen: Provided, That in case a minor helpless, the pension shall continue during child is insane, idiotic or otherwise physically or mentally helpless, the pension shall continue during the life of said child, or during the period of such disability; and during the period of such disability; and this provise shall apply to all pensions date of films applying to the period of such disability; and this provise shall apply to all pensions date of films applying to the pension shall continue during the life of said child, or during the period of such disability." this proviso shall apply to all pensions heretofore granted or hereafter to be granted under this or any former statute: the general law without regard to age at

The construction of the "income" proamended by the act of May 9, 1900, will The following instructions, dated June be seen from the following decisions:

"The change in section 3 is in the clause 'a widow without means of support arising from her property or business or

property, which if reasonably cared for ident, were a part of that Army while so the conditions shown, if still continuing, would produce an income much in excess serving, and are, for that time and as rebring the applicant within the terms of \$250 per year. A large amount of regards the character of the service, brought the conditions shown, if still continuing, bring the applicant within the terms of this section as amended, you will notify the applicant of that fact, and will transmit to her a suitable blank application, simple in its arrangement and easily understood, upon which she may give the necessary information as to whether she continues to be a widow and 'without means of support other than her daily years. Neither can a claimant in posses. means of support other than her daily years. Neither can a claimant in posses, the Army, the manner in which received

property. She is called upon to use her money or property in such a way as to pro- period of actual service being counted as All that has been heretotore said under the head of "General Law Pension of Widows and Children" relative to legality of marriage, and as to prior marriage, and as to prior marriage, forfeiture of pension by widow, and legitimeter of pension by widow a

Again-"She, * is living in the most June 27, 1890, entitled 'An act granting valuable part of her property. Its rental pensions to soldiers and sailors who are Marriages, in claims of colored persons value is not taken into consideration in ineapacitated for the performance of manand Indians for pension under the act of estimating her income. It should be. Sup- ual labor, providing for pensions to wid-June 27, 1890, must be proved to be legal pose she was not living in that house, but ows, minor children and dependent parented it; her income would be materially rents,' is construed and held to include all the parties resided. (10 P. D., 157.) The for the purposes of the act of May 9, 1900, persons and the widows and minor chil-provisions of Sec. 4705, Revised Statutes. personal living expenses are necessarily dren of all deceased persons, subject to by the National Encampment at San excluded, and rent, it is hardly necessary the limitations of said act, who served for Francisco last August, directing the Comas much as food and raiment. If one is the United States during the late war of The act of March 13, 1896, provides:

"That in considering claims filed under e pension laws, the death of an enlisted an or officer shall be considered as sufman or officer shall be considered as sufficiently proved if satisfactory evidence is her income. Were that not so it would That the foregoing shall not apply to those served 90 days in said war, who may appension granted under this act shall cease upon proof that such officer or enlisted in real estate in which class is which class in which class is which class in which class is which class in the same amount of property while confined as prisoners of war under in value), only in her case \$2,000 of it is a stipulation that they were not to be pendered to the Hon, James L. represented in real estate in which she lives. Now, if this claimant's position is correct the productive value of \$2,000 of prior service, enlisted in the military or bill comes up in the House of Representative in bill comes up in the House of Representative in the military or bill comes up in the House of Represen this woman's property would be elimi-nated; her income would therefore fall beshort, but that the facts attending such low \$250 and she would be pensionable absence must be such that the absence of the party can not be accounted for on any other theory than that of death." (8) allow this method of computation to preseen thereafter, it was, by decision of wall, the claimant will readily perceive, would not be a just and equitable admin-

"So in the case at bar the rental value army and afterward joined the Union of the property which she occupies must be taken into consideration. What it is worth \$810 rents for \$9 a month, surely property worth \$1.110 would yield an annual rental of \$120, and probably more. Adding the minimum estimate to the net income which she states she received in 1901 (\$142.39), the product is a net income of more than \$260." (14 P. D., No. 18, July 31, 1903.)

A decision rendered July 10, 1897, holds: "When it is proved that a widow by reaincome, is not sufficient to provide her with the necessaries of life, such widow is de-It should be noted that "dependence" not necessary to be shown in children's claims for pension under the act of 1890.

ice of the United States during the late June 27, 1890, that minor children, under dition in addition to the fact that claimants of the act of June 27, 1890, as to ength of service and honorable discharge refulfilled, and his widow is entitled to ension on compliance with the other conditions of the act." (7 P. D., 197.)

MARRIAGE BEFORE JUNE 27, 1890.

The proviso of the act of 1890, "that aid widow shall have married said soldier"

MEANS OF SUPPORT

MEANS OF SUPPORT. A decision rendered November 11, 1893 which the wants of life may be supplied. RATES OF WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

It will be noted that the act of March

Thus, if a soldier enlisted, deserted, enlisted again and was honorably discharged; or enlisted, was honorably discharged, enlisted. listed again, and deserted, he is not in either case entitled to pension under the act, unless the War Department will remove the charge of desertion and grant

"Desertion of soldier from Regular Army, in which he enlisted subsequent to the close of the war of the rebellion, not a bar to widow's claim for pension under act of June 27, 1890." (8 P. D., 82.) 1900, makes for the widows and children of soldiers and sailors of the late war for pension under the act of 1890, there act of 1890 in case of desertion from an Tribune service pension bill. J. J. Peris no pensionable period, because pension enlistment made after the close of the war, KINS, Commander; J. B. WELCH, Adju-

a competent court as void for illegality, of pension under the act of June 27, 1890." she would be entitled.

The joint resolution of July 1, 1902, section 2, provides as follows: shall, upon due proof of her husband's cation thereunder in the Pension Bureau, Army, including Regulars, Volunteers and That we are not in: favor of placing the death, without proving his death to be children to be entitled under the act must the result of his army service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the of the application. The pensionable period orably discharged from the last contract the Union, in the Satuary Halls of the application therefor under this act, at the ceases when the age of 16 is reached, as of service entered into by him during the Nation; also, Resolved, That we heartily rate of \$8 per month, during her widow-hood, and shall also be paid \$2 per month the child is regarded as permanently help-considered to have been honorably discharged from all similar contracts of service previously entered into by him with the United States during said war: Provided, That such enlisted or appointed man served enlistment or appointment, that his entire service under said enlistment or appointment was faithful, and that he did not receive by reason of said last enlistment, or appointment any bounty or gratuity other than from the United States in excess of the service pension bill were distinct cussed, and by a unanimous vote the bill advocated by The National Tribune was indorsed and the Adjutant was instructed to notify you of said action.—A. S. GRAHAM, Adjutant. that to which he would have been entitled if he had continued to serve faithfully until honorably discharged under any contract of service previously entered into by him, "Whereas our Representatives from this either in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps. State in Congress have each introduced during the war of the rebellion."

The joint resolution dated February 15, 1895, provides as follows: 30, 1900, were issued by the Secretary of the Interior to the Commissioner of Pensions with respect to the new law: * * * the widow has, at date of filing claim, souri State Militia and the Provisional Missouri Militia who served 90 days dur-

Again—
"This claimant has income-producing officers, in response to the call of the Pres-

records of the War Department, and the

A joint resolution of July 1, 1902, section 1. provides: "That the act approved naval service of the United States, after tives he will give it his hearty support."

(To be continued.)

A Pine Kidney Remedy. Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn.. (The Clothier.) says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

Work of the Pension Office.

The report of certificates issued for the week ender Feb. 13 shows: dangers and did more fighting than the soldiers of any other American war, and are now of the a transport of the soldiers of any other American war, and are now of the a transport of the soldiers of any other American war, and are now of the a transport of the soldiers of any other American war, and are now of the a transport of the soldiers of any other American war, and are now of the a transport of the soldiers of the soldiers of the soldiers of the more, and that the usaids of them who are now more or less disabled from manual labor, and in necessitous circumstances, are in receipt of the soldier rendered the service and other thousands are in receipt of less than \$12 per moth; and "Whereas the surviving soldiers of the Mexican war have been justly placed on the pension rall under a general service pension bill; Therefore, army Widows, etc. (war with Spain): Increase, 1. Army Widows, etc. Regular Establishment: Original, 2. Increase, 4: duplicate, 1; accrued, 2. Total, 25.

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"It is the theory of the law enacted June 27, 1890, that minor children, under the age of 16 years, are, by reason of their minority, dependent for pensionable purposes, the age limit which is distinctly prescribed being the only requisite condition in addition to the fact that claimants are the minors of an officer or of an ansage of an officer or of a

A Free Sample.

Blosser's Catarrh Cure Surely Has Merit, or This Liberal Offer

Could Not Be Made. Dr. Blosser, the great Catarrh Specialist

Frank Norton Pest, 116, Schuylerville,

FISHER, Commander.

By instruction of Henry Keating Post, PENSIONABLE MINORITY.

As all pensions under the act of 1800 commence only from date of filing of applithe pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the interpretation of the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the interpretation of the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the interpretation of the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension laws any enlisted man of the law in the pension law in the p -GEO. W. DELOY, Adjutant.

A. N. Baldwin Post, 263, Hunter, N Y. At a regular meeting of this Post the not less than six months under said last merits of a service pension bill were dis-

> Farragut Post, 25, Lincoln, Neb. At a pension bills, each differing somewhat in procedure, and

"Whereas many good features are in-corporated in said bills; but realizing the "That the provisions of the act of June great obstacles in the way of the passage 27, 1890, be, and are hereby, extended to be in harmony with our National Committee on Pension Legislation; Therefore,

clause 'a widow without means of support other than her daily labor and an actual net income not exceeding \$250 per year.'

"Resolved, by Farragut Post, 25, G. A. ing the late war of the rebellion, and were honorably discharged, and to the widows and minor children of such persons. The dier's estate under a statute giving a provisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the Comprovisions of the comprovisions of this act shall include all such indexes the recommendation of the comprovisions of "Resolved, by Farragut Post, 25, G. A. "No discretion or judgment can now be exercised by the officers of the Pension Bureau in determining what income, other bureau in determining what income and the bureau in determining what income a statute giving a person of this act shall include all such bureau in determining what income a statute giving an analysis of t her from receiving a pension under this section. If such income does not exceed \$250 per annum, she is not thereby disqualified, but if it exceeds that sum her disqualification is made checking a pension under a claim filed by her sevice militia provided for, as to pension under militia provided for, as to pension under this militia provided for, as to pension under militia provided for, as to pension under this militia provided for, as to pension under militia provided for, as to pension under the general law, by section 4722, Revised in the support of said measure as presumed a copy of the section. The National the general law, by section 4722, Revised in the support of said measure as presumed by our Committee on Pension Legis.

A decision rendered May 29, 1897. lation, and that a copy of said report of National Committee of Pensions be trans-mitted with said reso! tions."—M. Howe, Adjutant.

At the 89th quarterly session of the Bristol County (Mass) G. A. R., representing 12 Posts and about 1,500 members of the Order, it was unanimously "Resolved, That this Association indorses the action of the National Pension Committee regarding the service gension bill of \$12 a nenth for each veteran and veteran's

At the 39th Appual Reunion of the 68th Ohio, preamble and resolutions advocacated by The National Tribune of Wash-Jackson and to the editor of The National Tribune.

E. O. C. Order Post, 3, San Antonio, Tex., now 103 strong, away down South in Texas, at a regular meeting, Dec. 11, "Resolved, That the resolution of the Committee on Pensions, G. A. R., adopted to add, is a part of one's cost of living 90 days in the military or naval service of mittee on Pensions to be appointed by as much as food and raiment. If one is the United States during the late war of the Commander-in-Chief, John C. Black.

the first day of January, 1865."

By order dated February 24, 1903, the Commissioner of Pensions holds in effect ailments, but manages to get around and do my duties as Adjetant of the largest that the members of the "United States Volunteer Infantry," referred to above, not being enlisted "under a stipulation that they were not to be pensionable," their claims for pension under the act of June 27 1800 will be treated the cast of June instructions of the Post 102 members 1 27, 1890, will be treated 'the same as the instructions of the Post, 103 members, claims of those who served in the rebel invite Comrade McElroy to be present at our Department Encampment next April at the time of the "Battle of Flowers," April 20, 21, 22, and know he will enjoy the unique scene.—HENRY ARNOLD, Adju-

Garrett Post, 311, Liberty, N. Y. At a egular meeting Dec. 12, 1903, the following resolutions were unanimously "Whereas the rurviving soldiers of the

war of the rebeluon experienced and endured harder service, more privations and dangers and did more fighting than the soldiers of any other American war, and are now of the a terage age of 62 years of more, and that the saids of them who are now more or lest disabled from manual labor, and in necessitous circumstances, are in receipt of the persion whetever and are no contracted the soldier rendered the service war of the rebeltion experienced and en-

indorses. "Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to Hon. Thos. W. Bradley, the member of Cougress from this District, and that he be requested to support the said bill, and that The National Trib-une be notified of the action of this Post. -VICTOR CHAMPLASS, Commander; JOHN A. DARBEE, Adjutari.

"I fully indorse the National Tribune June 21, 1903: "Moved by Comrade service pension bill." I do not indorse the Briggs that this Post take the initiative

an honorable discharge.

A decision rendered February 8, 1896, holds, as to widows and children, however, that—

Possion Regimental Associations

Comrades Everywhere

The country, and make the entire country, and more prosperous; would partly recompense the soldier for the depreciated currency he received while in the army, and not impoverish the Government one penny. It would stop the increase of claims un-der act of June 27, 1890; dispense with a those expenditures; it would facilitate work in the Pension Office. Why not pass it?"—P. D. HALL, Corporal, Co. B, 1st Ala. Cav.

"I am heartily in favor of The National Tribune service pension bill. I think that a real attack.(12) While dispositions for all old soldiers and all old soldiers' wid-ows, should have \$12 a month pension."— gether with D. H. Hill's Division arrived;

"Don't neglect to place my name on the list with those who favor a service pen-sion."—DANIEL FRENCH, Co. D, 189th N. Y., Midland, Mich.

"I am in favor of the \$12 service pension bill advocated by The National Trib-R. R. No. 1, Alexandria, Tenn.

of the \$12 service pension bill.

served, Uncle Sam, if he can afford it and can still raise a few cents, ought to add something to the service pensions of those who suffered the further wrecks of health and constitution inevitable for those who underwent the fiendish inflictions of the rebel prison pens. I know from experience what they were."

Although a \$12 service pension would not benefit me, since I now receive more than that, I am unselfishly and decidedly in favor of a straight service pension, and any great disaster; and Porter was with-\$12 a month would keep many worthy comrades and widows out of the pauper

"Please put me on record as indorsing bill first, last and all the time-no age limit needed. If the Government is going to do anything for us now is the time—while we are alive."—WARREN MASON, Co. F, 4th W. Va. Cav., Springfield, Mo. "I am in favor of a service pension. I

ing old."-W. J. SHELTON, Co. F, 70th Ohio, Manchester, O. "I would give service pension to all

N. H.

We, the undersigned soldiers of Summerford Township, Madison Co., Ohio, indorse the \$12 a month service pension bill as advocated by The National Tribune, William McAfusit, Co. C, 178th Ohio; Co. K, 4th Ky.; Daniel Hendril, Co. I,

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I will ask you to publish the following as my views on the pension question; and I am sure that no comrade will disagree with me. If a soldier was wounded or contracted disabilities while in the service and the soldier served 90 days and received an sands on each side, but no precise aggrehonorable discharge, and has since con- gate is known.(17) tracted disabilities, not a result of his own vicious habits; if these disabilities disable who are now so disabled from wounds or Reports of the Army of Northern Virginia other disabilities, contracted while in the vol. i, p. 124.

service and line of duty, that they are totally disabled from performing any man-ual labor, and those who are so disabled trust the defense of his position to his in arm or leg as to entitle them to an front line alone. apparatus or commutation therefor, once be placed on the pension rolls at \$40 per month. This is perfectly just. Who says not? Now about the length of the soldier's service! Those who served longest and fought most gathered to themselves greater honors than the short-term men;

Vigorous Work of a Missouri Post.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I notice of G. A. R. men have indorsed the \$12 month service pension. That is good. I now want to give you an idea of our record. Feb. 15, 1903, O. P. Morton Post, loplin, Mo., being in regular session, "It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried: That this Post indorse the movement for a \$12 a month service pension now pending before the U.S. Senate; and it is directed that the Senators and Congress men of this State be informed of the fact and urgently requested to work and vote for it, in their capacity as Senators and Congressmen.

resolutions, of Mis. Fille Post, 419, De- in regard to service pension, and present partment of Illinois, when it says that the the subject to all Posts in this Congress Mexican War veterins have justly been sional District. Unanimously adopted and placed upon the possion rolls. I think a committee was appointed to carry the they have not red by G. Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress." The Mexican soldier and present it at the next meeting." rice him after June 27, 1800, is not entitled to pension under the act of the contingence of widows, children and dependents under the act of 1800. The rates of pension date.

MINORS: MARRIAGE AFTER JUNE 27, 1800. The rates of his counter the act of 1800. The rates of his counter the act of 1800. The rates of his dots expected the general law, does not apply to pensions under the act of 1800. The rates of his dots expected the general law, does not apply to pensions under the act of 1800. The rates of his dots was did not serve for his country; he served the general law, does not apply to pensions under the act of 1800. The rates of his dots under the act of 1800. The rates of his dots was did not serve for his country; he served the reverse; the nethod of curing and discoverer of the method of curing and and the present it at the next meeting."

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widow! Shame to our great Government if the Pension Committee, reported that he we suffer a soldier's widow to be sent to an had received a communication from Con-SERFICE PENSION. We stiller a soldier's widow to be sent to an almshouse. I can not see how any member of Congress could oppose that bill. It would relieve thousands of old soldiers and their widows; would put money in circumstant of the petitions should be directed to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, instead of to him; and on motion it culation in every community throughout was unanimously ordered that a new peti-the country, and make the entire country tion and letter be sent out in accordance with this suggestion."

Now, we are unanimous on this subject. and all believe in a straightforward, not impoverish the Government one penny. plain, unambiguous law, providing a ser vice pension, without any exceptions or conditions, for the saviors of this country large number of clerks, Special Exami-ners and local Examining Boards and save Quartermaster, O. P. Morton Post; Postmaster, 87th Ind.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

D. L. UPDEGRAFF, Co. C, 10th Kan., and when dispositions had been completed a general advance from right to left was made at 6 o'clock. Previous to this, Gen. Porter, finding himself hard pressed, had called for re-enforcements, and in response, Gen. McClellan, at 3:30, sent him Slocum's Division of Franklin's Corps, which increased his force to 35,000 men. It was evident, however, that, beyond this, Porter could expect little or no aid, for the troops une. So is every civil war veteran in this on the south bank of the Chickahominy section of the State."-R. M. JOHNSON, had at the same time their attention fully engaged by the demonstrations of Magru-Comrade W. S. Brown, of Greenwood, Miss., writes that he is heartily in favor ders on the south side, to whom McClel-J. T. Wilson, Co. B, 1st Md. L. A., Farmington Md. virtue: "I am in favor sofully occupied that they declared they Provided Co., 203 Broadway, New York. Farmington, Md., writes: "I am in favor could with safety spare none.(13) And of a service pension; let it be at what figure it may; it will not pay for the health lost by the men who endured the hardships of camp, march and field. Then, too, if after he has been just to all who if after he has been just to all who troops! CAVALRY BROUGHT PANIC.

When, therefore, Lee, with all his di-

pressure. The right(14) held its ground

charge, led by Hood's Texan troops. This, however, would not have sufficed to entail drawing his infantry under cover of the fire of 50 guns, when the artillery on the class-A. HARRIS, Co. B, 143d Pa., Len. hight on the left was thrown into great confusion by a mass of cavalry rushing back from the front; and the batteries, being without support, retired in haste, over-The National Tribune \$12 service pension running the infantry, and throwing the whole mass into most admired disorder. The explanation of this is as follows. The cavalry had been directed to keep below the hill, and under no circumstances to appear on the crest, but to operate in the bottom land against the enemy's flank: nevertheless its commander, Gen. Philip think all the boys deserve it; we are grow. St. George Cook, doubtless misinformed. ordered it to charge between the infantry and artillery upon the enemy on the left. who had not yet emerged from the woods.(15) This charge, executed in the nonorably discharged soldiers who do not face of a withering fire, resulted, of course, face of a withering fire, resulted, of course, in the cavalry's being thrown back in confusion; and the bewildered horses, regardless of the efforts of the riders, wheeled about, and dashing through the batteries, convinced the gunners that they were charged by the enemy. Jackson, following up, carried the hight on the left by an imperior of Longstreet's and Whiting's of the cavalry's being thrown back in confusion including vocal score. This Album contains the following including vocal score. This Album contains the following in confusion in the cavalry's being thrown back in confusion, and the bewildered horses, regardless of the efforts of the riders, wheeled about, and dashing through the batteries, convinced the gunners that they were charged by the enemy. Jackson, following up, carried the hight on the left by an imperior of the contains the following including vocal score. This Album contains the following ing ten songs, complete and unabridged: "America." "Old Folks at Home," "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," "Star Spangled Banner," "Home, Sweet Home," "Old Kentucky Home," "Yankee Poodelle," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Printed on an elegant grafe of de," "Ben Bolt," Pri get more than \$30 a month; and to their widows \$12 a month."—Chas. W. Per-Ley, Co. A, 4th Mass. Cav., Davisville, N. H. the \$12 a month service pension advocated by The National Tribune, ge the passage of the same:

H. Arbuckle, Co. F, 186th Ohio:

Detuous rush of Longstreet's and Whiting's Divisions, capturing 14 pieces of artillery, and the Union division under Morell, which held that wing, was driven back George McCorkle, Co. G. 94th Ohio; Edhominy (16) The right continued to main-win R. Morgan, Co. I, 19th Ohio; Robert tain its ground against the attacks of our Society Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to Hon, J. B. Foraker, Hon. Mark Hama, Hon. John S. Snook, Hon. J. H. Southard, and Hon. A. H. Leedes, Co. A, 60th Ohio; Tilman S. the key-point being carried, retreat was Hamilton, Co. B, 88th Ohio; Jonathan Compulsory. This was attended with Lackson and to the edger of The National Zeer, Co. B, 95th Ohio; John W. Reed, much confusion, and the stragglers were thronging to the bridge, when French's 66th Ohio; George Herrington, Co. A, 40th Ohio; John McSaventy, Co. A, 113th Ohio; Henry James W. Gray, Co. I, 51st Ohio; Henry Kelley, Co. C, 40th Ohio; John Hinton, Co. firm line the shattered troops were finally I, 121st Ohio; John Kelley, Co. D, 180th Ohio; John Tingley, Co. B, 4th Ohio Cav.; Jacob Bussard, Co. B, 95th Ohio; Thomas Bussard, Co. B, 95th Ohio; William Rine-the safety of that terribly shattered wing. hope would have been slender indeed; but the growing darkness, the disorder which Co. B, 95th Ohio; John F. Mitchell, Co. D, 180th Inner of battle necessarily suffer in charglines of battle necessarily suffer in charg-17th Ohio; William Sonard, Co. C, 40th ing over thickly wooded ground, and the severe punishment the Confederates had received, prevented Lee from pushing his victory to the dreadful extremity to which that routed force, with a river at its back was exposed. Thus, when friendly night -so often awaited with such passionate longing by wrecked armies and distraught commanders-shut down on the dark and bloody thickets of the Chickahominy, the worn and weary troops were silently in line of his duty he is clearly entitled to drawn over to the south bank, and at 6 a pension under the general laws, to be of the morning the rear-guard of Regulars rated according to the degree of his disa- crossed and destroyed the bridge behind bility. Then, under the law of 1890, if them. The losses numbered many thou-

> 12 "I found I must drive the enemy by him from earning a support, such soldier is direct assault, or abandon the idea of makclearly entitled to a pension. There is no question in my mind but the maimed soldiers' bill of March 2, 1903, should be General, I determined to change the feint amended so as to allow all those soldiers into an attack." *Report of Longstreet:

14. The right wing was held by Sykes's in three years, should, by this amendment Division of Regulars and Griffin's Brigade,

16. Stonewall Jackson, in his official report of the battle of Gaines's Mill, gives the following spirited description of the decisive charge by Hood's and Law's Brigades of Whiting's Division, which resulted in carrying the fortified crest on the Union left: "Dashing on with unfaltering step in face of those murderous dis-charges of canister and musketry, Gen. Hood and Col. Law, at the head of their respective brigades, rushed to the charge with a yell. Moving down a precipitous other thousands are in receipt of less title him to a pension, that is a debt than \$12 per month; and justly, morally, legally due him from the ravine, leaping ditch and stream, clam-whereas the surviving soldiers of the Government he helped to save. Comrades bering up a difficult ascent, and exposed to an incessant and deadly fire from the write your Congressman and urge him to intrenchments, these brave and determined help us—giving justice to all our deserving men pressed forward, driving the enemy from his well-selected and fortified posi-tion. In this charge—in which upwards of 1,000 men fell, killed and wounded, and in which 14 pieces of artillery and nearly a regiment were captured—the 4th Tex. under the lead of Gen. Hood, was the first to pierce the stronghold and seize the

guns."-Reports of the Army of Northern Virginia, vol. i, p. 133. 17. No estimates whatever are given either by Gen. McClellan or Gen. Porter. Jackson states his loss at 3,284; and in the same proportion for the other corps, it would put the Confederate casualties at above 10,000.

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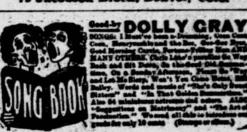
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